President.—So far as questions and answers are concerned, all the members may be placed on the same footing. Of course, there are many stages in the process of approving the answers, and probably, after the final approval, there may not be a very long time to communicate the answers to the Heads of Departments. That is one difficulty.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—This is throwing unnecessary work on the Secretariat. I do not know how non-official members are prejudiced by the present procedure. (*Hear, hear.*) They, official members, are responsible for giving the answers. We are not prejudiced by their being supplied with the questions and answers a day previous.

A list of Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the State.

39. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list containing the number and names of lady Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the State, where they are all at present stationed, and the work they attend to?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—A list containing the information required is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

The appointment of a Lady Doctor in Kunnamkulam.

40. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether petitions and representations have not been received by the Government from the ladies of Kunnamkulam for appointing a lady doctor at Kunnamkulam;

(b) whether the Government has not replied that a lady doctor would be appointed from a particular time; and if so,

(c) whether a copy of that communication will be placed on the table;

(d) whether a lady doctor was appointed there from the time mentioned in the communication; and if the answer is in the negative;

(e) the reason for not appointing a lady doctor from that time;

(f) whether the Government did not receive petitions or representations after the promised time for appointing a lady doctor; and if so,

(g) what reply has been given?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer had replied that the request of the Y. W. C. A. would be considered when

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the Government stipendiary lady student passed out in March. No time of appointment was specified.

(c) Copy of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's letter is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

(d) and (e). The appointment was not made as the lady student did not pass out in March. Steps were taken for her appointment soon after she qualified herself.

(f) Yes.

(g) The Honorary Secretary to the Y. W. C. A. was informed that the stipendiary student had not passed out, and that proposals would be made after she had qualified herself.

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